(b) and (c) During the said period, fund as indicated below, has been disbursed by the Corporation to the State Channelising Agencies/Non-Government Organizations.

(Rs. in lac)

Item	Funds disbursed	
	2000-2001	April- December, 2001
A. SCA Programme (i) Term Loan (ii) Margin Money Loan	7211.49 32.17	5742.90 53.10
B. NGO Programmes (i) Micro Credit (ii) Interest free loan for promotion of SHGs	80.83 19.32	215.50 13.45
C. Grant for setting up of EDP Cell	23.71	7.00
D. Interest Margin Scheme for promotional activities	57.89	53.07

Welfare schemes for children in hazardous industries

*217. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court has directed to finalize welfare schemes for children engaged in hazardous industries as reported in the Times of India, dated the 25th January, 2002; and

(b) the action taken to implement the directions with a time frame for completion of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A scheme has accordingly been finalized by the Government.

Expenditure on Health Services

† *218. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: (a) whether it is a fact that Government have, so far, been spending just one per cent on health services;

(b) if so, whether Government are contemplating to spend ten per cent of the budget on health services;

(c) whether various organisations of doctors have emphasised the need for formulation of a far-reaching and all-round National Drug Policy to provide safe and cheaper medicines to patients; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) Central Government has been spending about 1.3% of the total budget on health care services. The Central Government has been making every effort to increase its contribution to the public health expenditure. The resources for public investment in health sector are also being augmented by securing assistance from various bi-lateral and multi-lateral agencies for implementation of various disease control programmes. Health infrastructure in certain States has also been upgraded with World Bank assistance.

The draft National Health Policy, 2002 envisages increasing the Central and State Government's contribution from the existing 15 percent and 5.5 percent to 25 percent and 8% respectively of the total public spending in the health sector by 2010.

(c) and (d) In March, 1999, Government constituted two committees *viz.,* the Drug Price Control Review Committee to review the drug price control mechanism and to suggest alternative models;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.